

All promoter constructs were generated by TOPO TA cloning system (Invitrogene, CA) and subsequently digested using appropriate restriction sites in the polylinker to allow insertion into the vector pGL3-basic (Promega) containing the coding region of the firefly luciferase gene. The OSN 2.3, OSN 1.5, OSN 1.1 and OSN 0.2 promoter constructs were prepared using the primer sequences P1, P2, P3 and P4 as shown in Figure 1. Additional OSN promoter deletion constructs starting at -522 were prepared. These constructs, which also contain a deletion of a spacer between GGA box 1 and 2, contain -522 to +39, -522 to +62 and -522 to +73 of the OSN sequence (See Figures 1 and 11). To create these constructs beginning at -522 of the OSN sequence, PCR was performed utilizing the following primers: 522-N: (5'ACTAGTAGCAGCTTGTCTTGTC3') (SEQ ID NO:3), *spdel*-C: (5'CTTCTCCCCTGTCTCTGTCTT3') (SEQ ID NO:4); and *spdel*-N: (5'AAGACAGAGACAGGGGAGAAG3') (SEQ ID NO:5) combined with downstream primers: Intron-C: (5'TACCTCAGTGGCAGGCAGGCAG3') (SEQ ID NO:6), Exon-C: (5'CAGGCAGGCAGGCGGCAG') (SEQ ID NO:7), and Hafner-C: (5'GCGCGCTCTCCGGGCAGTCTG3') (SEQ ID NO:8) to construct hON-522I, hON-522E and hONHafner, respectively, and the genomic DNA isolated from DU145 cells as template. All constructs, including the PCR-generated DNA fragments, were confirmed by sequencing.

On page 50, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 8 to recite as follows:

RNA was extracted from cell lines and prostate tumor tissue using RNeasy B reagent (TEL-Test, INC, TX) following the manufacturer's instruction. One microgram of total RNA was used to synthesize the first-strand cDNA using random primers (Perkin Elmer) and MMLV reverse transcriptase (Gibco BRL) in a total volume of 20 μ l. The reaction was performed at 42°C for 1 hour. 2.5 μ l of the RT reaction was adjusted to contain 25 ng of each pair of human osteonectin-specific primers (5'TCCACCACCCTGTTGCTGT3' (SEQ ID NO:9), sense; and 5'CTCCAGGCGCTTCTCATT3' (SEQ ID NO:10), antisense) or glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH)-specific primers (5'ACCACAGTCCATGCCATCA3' (SEQ ID NO:11), sense; 5'TCCACCACCCTGTTGCTGT3' (SEQ ID NO:12), antisense); an additional buffer was added to a total volume of 25 μ l. PCR was then performed for 50 cycles (94°C, 30 second; 55°C, 30 second; and 72°C, 1 min) for detecting the expression of osteonectin and 25 cycles